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Recall Petition Filed Tuesday

A petition signed by 523 petitioners was filed with the city recorder Tuesday, asking the recall of Bert R. Greer as springs commissioner. The text of the petition, which it is understood was drawn up and circulated by H. G. Enders and his associates, and a copy of which has been open for public examination at the office of J. A. Lemery, reads as follows:

"To Charles H. Gillette, City Recorder, Ashland, Ore.:

"Whereas, the present Ashland Springs Water Commissioner, Bert R. Greer, having been in the office of Springs Water Commissioner of the city of Ashland, Oregon, for about two years; and

"Whereas, he has shown himself generally incompetent in the administration of said office of Springs Water Commissioner; and

"Whereas, he has been instrumental in letting a one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollar contract to Smith, Emery & Co. without competitive bids; and

"Whereas, he has paid six hundred (\$600.00) dollars for 50,000 booklets which were printed for the city of Ashland, and did not ask for competitive bids, and refused the same; and

"Whereas, the said Bert R. Greer has taken all the printing for the Springs Water Commission, refusing competitive bids and using more space than necessary in publishing the same in his paper (Ashland Tidings), in the above and other things large sums of money have been lost to the city of Ashland and the taxpayers of said city.

"Therefore we, the undersigned legal voters of said city, availing ourselves of the provisions of Section 18 of Article II of the Constitution of Oregon, hereby demand a recall election to be had of the Springs Water Commissioner of said city."

Under Section 18 of Article II of the constitution of the state of Oregon it is provided that if he (the party sought to be recalled) shall not resign within five days after the petition is filed, a special election shall be ordered, to be held within twenty days within his electoral district, to determine whether the people will recall said officer.

Under the law, if Mr. Greer does not resign within five days from Tuesday a special election shall be ordered, to be held within twenty days, to determine whether the people will recall him.

Mr. Greer states that he has no intention to resign, has no reason for resigning, and points to the physical plant of the mineral water mobilization system and to Lithia Park as refutation of the charges made and alleged against him. Hence it appears that within twenty days an election will be held, at which the people will have a chance to recall the chairman of the springs water commission or show their confidence in him and appreciation of what he and his fellow workers have accomplished. Mr. Greer expresses himself as being much gratified that the recall petition has been filed and states that he welcomes the opportunity to learn what the people of Ashland think of him and his work.

The petitions have been in circulation for several weeks and a house to house canvass of the entire city was made to secure the signatures necessary.

Many Parties at The Bungalow

The Bungalow is growing in popularity with Ashland and the valley with each succeeding day of the summer. As a means of entertainment, hostesses find the refreshment end of their afternoons and evenings taken care of by phoning The Bungalow "there will be a party of us up at such and such a time." Several parties have already been held at The Bungalow and others are planned. Invitations are out for an affair given by Miss Lillian Greer this evening which will be attended by about thirty. Tomorrow evening a party of Medford young folks will join with some Ashland young people in another affair. Carl Loveland will sing at 9 o'clock.

Everyone is being made to feel that a welcome and a good time awaits them at The Bungalow all the time.

SHE SIGNED.

The name of Mrs. J. B. Hurt, 571 Scenic Drive, appears on the Greer recall petition. She came to Ashland in March. When the solicitor presented the petition she said she did not desire to sign anything except an application for water. He told her this was the application, and she signed it.

Synopsis of Fiery Council Meeting

While strains of music from the horns of the Ashland band drifted over from the Commercial Club across the Plaza, and vocal harmonies drifted in the opposite windows of the city hall from the auxiliary club room, the city council began their June labors Tuesday evening. Councilman Root was absent, having departed a few days previous on an auto trip. The warm breezes which wafted into the council chambers brought dreams of auto trips to the other councilmen, but after Recorder Gillette had droned through the minutes, reports and bills the plunge into business drove all dreams of summer vacation away.

The matter of decorating the city hall for the coming celebration was referred to the recorder and finance committee with power to act. Requisitions for material for a cut-around for the power house and material for the electric light department were granted.

A committee was appointed to co-operate in securing camping locations for the celebration crowds.

The garage in the McCarthy building at the corner of Granite street was granted permission to place a gasoline dispenser at the edge of the sidewalk.

A number of landowners of the region at the foot of Nevada street offered to co-operate with the street department in putting this road, which is ordinarily impassable, into good shape. The use of the city tools, one man and a team was asked. The matter was favorably received and was referred to the chairman of the street committee with power to act.

A. L. Irwin was awarded the contract for the construction of the curb and gutter on Granite street, his bid being 34.4 cents per foot, which was one-tenth of a cent less than the other bidder, Mr. Tiffany.

The lighting of the park was authorized.

Some fruit trees on Ashland streets were authorized to be removed.

The appointment of Kenneth McWilliams as extra man on the fire department was confirmed.

The mayor reported that by the appointment of two extra men the checking up of the water system had been accomplished.

Mr. Banta reported little progress in getting his special committee and the Chautauqua people together on the matter of arranging for the widening of Park avenue, and asked whether the council wished to proceed with condemnation proceedings or give the committee further time for negotiating with the Chautauqua people. The mayor with the permission of the council extended the committee's period of service.

A representative of a fire hose company was present and offered some samples of hose for inspection. Five hundred feet of Maltese Cross rubber hose was authorized purchased.

An ordinance regulating connections with sewers was given its second reading. The ordinance was formulated to provide a method for disposing of the drainage from the Swingle barn by connecting it with the sewer, and its reading led into a lengthy discussion of whether the passage of the ordinance would not set a dangerous precedent as putting drainage from barns into the sewer is not allowed anywhere else. The ordinance lost out, Councilman Banta voting in favor of it. In regard to the Swingle barn, the board of health was instructed to have the nuisance removed.

After a half hour's discussion of regulation of jitneys during the celebration the council adjourned after the liveliest meeting yet at the hour of 12:30.

P. J. Kingery, wife and baby of Hillcrest orchard spend Sunday at the home of L. O. Van Wegen and family.

Chautauqua

Twelve Days
July 7-18



Great Attractions
Including.....

New York City Marine Band

International Operatic Company, Skibinsky, the great Russian violinist, Balmer's Kaffir Boy Choir, Comus Players, Judge Wannamaker of the Ohio Supreme Court, Lou Beauchamp, known by millions, who says things of worth in a way which compels you to laugh. Many other attractions, including Prof. Larimore and his two daughters.

Tickets \$2.25 if Bought Soon
24th Annual Session, Ashland

Some of the Coming Chautauqua Attractions

Narrow escape and war time flight of Violinist Skibinsky, the renowned Russian artist, who appears at the Chautauqua Tuesday, July 11.

That Skibinsky was able to return to this country after visiting his home in Moscow, Russia, at the outbreak of the war, he owes to an accident of four years ago, which in the opinion of eminent physicians and musical critics appeared to be an irreparable misfortune.

He had just reached the zenith of his fame, his name a by-word in the concert halls of the world, when his left hand was mutilated by an explosion of a cannon cracker. The thumb was about torn off and the index finger entirely severed, the rest of the hand being terribly lacerated. It is characteristic of the man's indomitable will that almost instantly in the teeth of the practical certainty of defeat he set himself to the gigantic task of regaining the wonderful touch and marvelous technique for which he is famous.

Surgeons asserted that the hand should be amputated above the wrist; he defied them and recovered. He went to an artificial limb manufactory to see what could be done. His friends believed that the shock to his nervous system, the grief over his loss had deranged him mentally. The superintendent of the works said: "we can't make a finger that you can play the violin with, what you need is a head made for you". Skibinsky replied, "you need one more than I do". The young Russian preserved. Fourteen fingers were made before a suitable one was obtained.

He was compelled to revise his system of fingering. At the end of two years Skibinsky had entirely regained his mastery of the instrument. Not only that, but by reason of the new method, he has almost doubled the velocity and brilliance of his technique.

It was this injury to his hand that saved the artist from compulsory service in the Russian army, when he was trapped at the outbreak of the present war. Despite his disability, Skibinsky found it extremely difficult to obtain a passport to leave Russia.

It was only through the kindness of Count Mouravieff, governor of Moscow, and a personal friend of the Czar, that it was finally granted. He left his native country September, 14, and arrived in the United States after many adventurous and dangerous experiences. Suspected as an international spy, he was detained by British officers, and subjected to a grilling examination, lasting almost four hours. It was only after he showed a copy of the Atlanta constitution, which he carried in his pocket, and which gave an account of his injury and America concert tours for which he was scheduled, that he was permitted to go.

Skibinsky is an unusual man as he is an artist. Think of hearing him on the season ticket plan for less than the price of a single admission to the "movies."

Queen Lithia and King Sulphur

Ballots for the election of Queen Lithia and King Sulphur are ready and ballot boxes have been placed in the various stores about the city. Different than heretofore, the ballots may be purchased outright and nominations may be made by purchasing ballots and writing the name of your favorite candidate on same. From time to time the standing of the candidates will be made known and the competition is expected to be very keen as to who is to be given the honor of being king or queen.

Ballots may be purchased at the following business houses: Butler's confectionery, E. R. Greive, Harry Hosler, McNair Bros., Poley's drug store, Rose Bros., Win Crowson, H. G. Enders & Son, Depot drug store, C. H. Vaupel's and White House grocery.

The prices at which the ballots sell are as follows: Fifty votes, 5 cents; 100 votes, 10 cents; 200 votes for 25 cents and 750 votes for 50 cents. It will be seen that a greater proportion of votes may be purchased when they are bought in quantities of 25 or 50 cents at a time. The revenue derived will be expended on the queen's dress and her float, as well as the king's outfit and his float. Who will you have these honors go to?

L. S. Brown returned Monday afternoon, in his automobile from a month's auto tour of the northwest which took him as far north as British Columbia.

Great Pageant Tomorrow Night

On Friday evening of this week Ashland's beautiful Lithia Park is to furnish a most appropriate setting for "The Masque of the Myths," setting forth in esthetic dance, pantomime and story the search for "The Heart of the World." One hundred dancers from the Medford Conservatory, under the direction of Mrs. Lyndette Hovions, will stage the pageant in elaborate costumes and with wonderful electrical illuminative effects. The great outdoor pageant will be staged in Lithia auto camp with the hills as a background and the beautiful evergreens and shrubbery of the park for stage setting. Two bands, the Ashland band and the Medford band, will furnish music during the evening, and a large orchestra will accompany the dances of the pageant. The event is given under the auspices of the Greater Medford Club and the Ashland Civic Improvement Club. It is hoped to make this outdoor pageant an annual event participated in by every community in the valley, and which in time will become a great valley feature.

As before planned, the Pioneer avenue entrance to Lithia Park will be roped off during the hours of the pageant. A crowd of several thousand people from all over the valley is anticipated and will be hard to handle. Tickets are sold in the shape of tags, which should be fastened in a conspicuous place on the clothing of all spectators so that trouble may be avoided.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

TRANSFER RUMORED.

There is a persistent rumor on the streets that H. G. Enders has purchased the Ashland Recorder. The subscription receipts are being signed by H. G. Enders.

Natorium Has Many Improvements

A long, smooth slide, a dip over "the bump" and an exhilarating swoop over the waters of the great pool. The new giant slide at the Natatorium is done and will be one of the big features at the opening Friday. The slide starts high in the rafters in the far end of the building and swoops down at just the right slope to the water in the shallow end. Building a slide at this time of the world's history is expensive, too, as the copper sheets with which it is lined are worth their weight in gold, almost.

The "Nat" has been leased for the year by Mrs. V. V. Young, an attractive young San Francisco business woman. Hum Pracht will manage the institution. Last year under his management the Nat did a much better business than in former years and became a most popular place.

A new lighting system has been installed which will do away with the old flicker which was so annoying.

A new electric hair dryer is one of the big attractions at the Nat for the ladies, and the management hopes to secure the services of an expert hairdresser for the accommodation of their patrons. And, by the way, while we are talking about the ladies, ladies' day will be on every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, and for three hours in the afternoon the confines of the Nat will be sacred to the ladies.

An entirely new set of attractive suits has been purchased for the ladies.

A giant electric Victrola furnishes music at all hours.

The dance floor has been put in shape and dances will be given every Saturday beginning with June 10.

And last but not least, the white sulphur water, recognized to be the best bathing water in existence, good for the hair and the skin, will be kept in a state of absolute purity and will be changed from two to four times a week, depending upon the patronage. The great reserve tanks allow of changing the water completely in two hours.

The water will also be kept at an absolutely even temperature of 80 degrees and is kept at this even heat by the injection of steam into the water and mixing every morning.

Will Turn Lithia Park Over June 15

The Springs Water Commission, having expended the money set aside for the development of Lithia park, will turn the park over to the city council on June 15. The following communication was read to the city council by Recorder Gillette Tuesday evening and upon motion of Councilman Banta was filed without discussion. Mr. Banta stating that "the council could take action on it after the commission had turned it over". The next meeting of the council is on June 20.

June 6, 1916.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Ashland, Ore. Gentlemen—This is to notify you that the Springs Water Commission will, on the 15th day of June, 1916, having finished the development work in Lithia park, submit a final report and formally turn said park over to the City of Ashland.

We are giving you this notice in advance, believing that it will be necessary for the council, in co-operation with the park board, to formulate for the maintenance and operation of the park after that date.

As the funds in our hands for park development will be exhausted it will be necessary for us to withdraw our employees from the park and it would appear necessary that the council, in conjunction with the park board, formulate such plans for the further maintenance as may be proper so it will go into effect on that date.

Respectfully submitted,
By order of
SPRINGS WATER COMMISSION,
BERT R. GREER, Chairman.

Commercial Club Will Make Changes

The report of the committee of ten which was appointed at last month's meeting of the Commercial Club to make recommendations for changes in the affairs of the club was read in full at Monday evening's meeting of the Commercial Club and then taken up a section at a time for consideration and action. The meeting was well attended and the plans for reorganization met with enthusiastic approval in most instances.

The recommendation that the club close out their billiard and pool tables and take suitable quarters elsewhere on the lower floor, establishing cozy offices for secretary and trustees, and possible space for reading room, was unanimously accepted.

This was the most notable change recommended by the committee, and it is expected that arrangements will be made within the near future to carry out the plan as outlined. There is no doubt but what this should increase the efficiency of the club to a great extent, as the secretary will be in closer touch with the traveling public and strangers in the city, and the Commercial Club headquarters will be easily located by strangers and visitors. It is not definitely decided as to just where the club will locate the office but a room has been offered them in the Hotel Oregon.

Other notable changes in the constitution which were recommended and accepted were the provisions for the increasing of the board of directors to 12, six to be elected for six months and six for 12 months, and the election of the officers for a term of one year instead of six months, as it is at present.

The amendments were laid on the table until the next regular meeting at which time they will be voted on, and election of officers was deferred until that time.

Vice-President Frank Jordan, presided in the absence of President Smith, who was in Portland attending the Bankers' convention.

There were nine applications for membership. T. J. Roberts, Emma C. Anderson, F. H. Mann, Walter Keene, W. F. Albert, J. M. Casbeer, Clarence Adams, H. T. Elmore and F. E. Russell applying. They were all unanimously accepted. There were three resignations which were accepted.

The band committee report was read by Secretary Norris, and proved that the committee had performed its duty in a very satisfactory manner. They were successful in securing subscriptions in small amount of 25c to \$4.00 for four months, and which amounted to \$150, and \$100 additional from the Springs commission, providing a contract be entered into by the band to furnish two concerts each week, one on Wednesday evening and one on Sunday afternoon, same to consist of at least seven selections. This was accomplished. The committee was tendered a vote of thanks and discharged.

M. C. Reed, for the hotel committee, made final report, stating that they had collected in subscriptions a total of \$2215, \$1800 of which had been paid the hotel company, \$454.58 had been refunded to subscribers, and \$10.42 paid the Commercial Club for incidental expense in connection with their work.

Dr. Ussher Gives Interesting Talk

Dr. Clarence Ussher of Boston, who but recently returned from Turkey, where he underwent a series of exciting adventures and gained an insight into the conditions there through his missionary work, spoke to an audience of over five hundred people at the Chautauqua building Wednesday evening. Mr. Ussher had some very interesting stories to tell of the life in Turkey and of the work which the missions are doing. He told of the terrible persecution which the Armenians are receiving and gave a graphic story of his own terrible experiences.

The stage was artistically decorated by a committee of ladies from the Congregational church and the music was furnished by the young people of that church. An offering of \$25 was taken up.

In the afternoon an interesting meeting was held at the round table in Chautauqua Park, but owing to lack of a chance to advertise, only a small attendance, perhaps fifty, was present.